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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, JM, CU

SUBJECT: BOMB BLAST AT AIRPORT

REF: KINGSTON 2677 (NOTAL)

1. AN EXPLOSION OCCURED AT NORMAN MANLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1907 JULY 9. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, A BOMB THAT WAS IN A SUITCASE TO BE LOADED ON TO A CUBANA AIRWAYS PLANE BOUND FOR HAVANA EXPLODED ON THE LOADING RAMP MINUTES BEFORE IT WAS TO BE PUT ON THE PLANE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE BLAST.

2. HAD THE CUBANA FLIGHT NOT BEEN LATE IN ARRIVING KINGSTON AND KEPT ITS SCHEDULE, THE BOMB WOULD HAVE GONE OFF WHILE THE AIRCRAFT WAS OVER THE SEA BETWEEN CUBA

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AND JAMAICA. THE DAILY NEWS REPORTS THAT 29

PASSANGERS OF JAMAICAN, CUBAN, US, DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC, BRITISH AND ARGENTINIAN NATIONALITIES WERE
SCHEDULED TO DEPART.

3. CUBAN AMBASSADOR PEZ FERRO HAS ISSUED A PRESS
STATEMENT WHICH ASSERTS "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS
SORT OF ACTIVITY COMES FROM VERY WELL KNOWN TRANS-
NATIONAL ENEMIES OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND THE CUBAN
REVOLUTION." THE RELEASE ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT
THAT THE BOMBING TOOK PLACE AT A TIME WHEN THE GOJ
IS MAKING AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT TO SUPPRESS CRIME
AND VIOLENCE.

4. COMMENT: SPECULATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE
BOMBERS CENTERS ON CUBAN EXILES BASED IN MIAMI.
THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WAS BOMBED A LITTLE
OVER TWO YEARS AGO BUT THE CULPRITS WERE NEVER
CAUGHT OR IDENTIFIED. THE OPPOSITION JLP IS APPREHEN-
SIVE THAT AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO LINK THEM TO
THE BOMBING, PARTICULARLY AFTER P.M. MANLEY'S SPEECH
IN PARLIAMENT TWO WEEKS AGO (REFTEL) ATTEMPTING TO
LINK MEMBERS OF THELP WITH CLANDESTINE CACHES OF
EXPLOSIVES.
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